

## The Scandal of Closeness

We have just come through one of the two peak seasons in the Church, the Christmas season, and probably feel we are coming down the mountain into a quieter, less-intense time. In seven weeks, we will begin another ascent toward that other peak season--the Season of Easter. What always remains, throughout the entire liturgical year, peak season or not, is the closeness of the Lord.

From the start of his life we are told the Lord's name: Emmanuel (God-with-us). At the end of the Lord's earthly life he reminds us--because forgetfulness seems to be our middle name--"I am with you until the end of the ages." Presence at the beginning, at the end, and presence all the way through. With the giving of his Spirit, the promise of his closeness is never taken back and never will be.

The gospel reading on Christmas Day makes no mention of Mary, Joseph, the manger, rejection at the inn, shepherds, nor angels on high proclaiming good news. Instead, John's Gospel mentions the Word that has accompanied creation from the very beginning and has never left us. John goes on to say that Word became flesh and how, for the most part, the world rejected it. We did not want flesh, the embodiment of God. We preferred words with which we could proclaim certainties and answers. Arguing over the interpretation of our human words, rather than opening to the Word, has led us to justify burning people at the stake and carrying through with "holy" wars all, supposedly, in the name of God. Christianity is the only religion that says God became a human body. Yet Gandhi, a Hindu, said, "There are so many hungry people in the world that God could only come into the world in the form of food." Brilliant.



That repeatable promise of Jesus to feed us and never leave us is what we call Eucharist. Jesus never said, "Think about this," "Fight about this," "Stare at this," but he did say, "Eat this!" It is much easier for God to transform bread than to transform people. The resistance to our own transformation always comes from the ego. The ego lives in a dualistic world and thus is desperate to know who's in and who's out, who's worthy and who's unworthy. While the true self has long given up

asking those questions. Our only ticket or prerequisite for coming to Eucharist is hunger. And most often sinners are more hungry than "saints."

(Fr. Phil)



**January 20, 2019**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Saint Augustine's**  
340 Dominion Street  
Moncton, NB



**Saint Lawrence O'Toole**  
2340 Route 115  
Irishtown, NB



**Our Lady of Mercy**  
11 St. Andrews Street  
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB

### PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

**Priest-Moderator:** Rev. Allison Carroll  
**Assistant Priests part time:** Rev. Laurence Quin-Morris  
frlaurence@qasmoncton.com  
Rev. Jean Bernard (JB) Mallais  
jbm@qasmoncton.com  
**Pastoral Associate:** Charlie Farrell  
charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com  
**Liturgy:** Claire Hachey  
**Justice and Solidarity:** Marilyn McCleary

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

**St. Augustine's:** Friday—12:00 noon  
Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
**St. Lawrence O'Toole:** Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00  
**Our Lady of Mercy:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Parish Office:** 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8

**Telephone:** 857-4223 **Fax:** 857-0020

**Email:** parish.office@qasmoncton.com **Website:** www.qasmoncton.com

**Facebook:** Queen of All Saints Parish Grouping

**St. Augustine's Local Pastoral Council:** staugustine.lpc@gmail.com

**Faith Development-Children:** Eileen Caissie  
eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.com

**St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery:** Linda Evans 389-9300

**Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen:** 857-4224

**Meals served:** Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 857-2088

Regular Depot Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

## Daily Readings

<i>Monday</i>	<b>Memorial: St. Agnes</b> Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
<i>Tuesday</i>	Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
<i>Wednesday</i>	Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6
<i>Thursday</i>	<b>Memorial: St. Francis de Sales</b> Hebrews 7:25, 8:6; Mark 3:7-12
<i>Friday</i>	<b>Feast: The Conversion of St. Paul</b> Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
<i>Saturday</i>	<b>Memorial: St. Timothy and St. Titus</b> 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Luke 10:1-9
<i>Sunday</i>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



**YOUTH** interested in meeting as a young member of the Catholic faith are asked to contact Pastoral Associate Charlie Farrell and let him know what activities and discussions you are interested in. The next gathering will be held in St. Augustine's Basement on Friday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. [charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com](mailto:charlie.farrell@qasmoncton.com) or 857-4223.



Minutes from the recent **Annual General Meeting at St. Augustine's** are now available and can be picked up at the back of the church.



The **GENTLEMEN OF HARMONY AND FRIENDS**—Jeunes Chanteur d'Acadie,

Harrison Trimble Vocal Ensemble and quartets Gale Force and Seventh Wave will perform their second Annual Vocal Magic a Cappella show at Riverview Arts Centre Saturday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at Frank's Music, Jean Coutu, Sobeys Riverview  
[www.riverviewartscentre.ca](http://www.riverviewartscentre.ca)

### New to the parish?

We would like to know who you are—parish registration forms are located at each church or online at

[www.qasmoncton.com](http://www.qasmoncton.com).



**2019 Envelopes are available at the back of the Church as well as envelopes for pre-authorized users.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	19	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Jackie Melanson	Lahanky Family
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Peggy Sullivan	Mom Mary
Sun	20	9:00 a.m.	SLO	Late Donald Cliff	Wife Laurel
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Frank Gillis	Wife Maria
Fri	25	12:00noon	St. A	Late Jackie deVarences	Helen Caissie
Sat	26	4:00 p.m.	St. A	Late Teresa Myzyk	Karen Boyle
		4:00 p.m.	OLM	Late Miriam Morris	Agnes Rodgers
Sun	27	9:00 a.m.	SLOT	Anniversary Late Len Dupuis	Wife Odette and Marc
		11:00 a.m.	St. A	Late Giovanna Rosette	Hector and Judy LeBlanc

## LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

**Saint Augustine's:** Envelopes: **\$3,508.30** (189 env); Loose: **\$548.00**; Ray of Hope: **\$10.00**; Building Fund: **\$200.00** (14 env); New Year's Day: **\$632.00**; (11 env); Candles: **\$60.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$ 625.00**(18 env.).

**Saint Lawrence O'Toole:** Envelopes: **\$905.00** (45 env.); Loose: **\$100.25**; Christmas Offering: **\$40.00** (2 env); New Year's: **\$60.00** (4 env); Initial Offering: **\$30.00** (5 env); Pre-Authorized: **\$120.00** (4env.).

**Our Lady of Mercy:** Envelopes: **\$763.00** (39 env.); Loose: **\$80.05**; New Year's Offering: **\$10.00**; Initial Envelope: **\$25.00**; Candles: **\$127.70**

Thank you for your generosity!



With Deepest Sympathy

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** is extended to Frank Quinn and Family on the death of his wife **Lena Quinn** and to Irene McFadden on the death of her brother-in-law **Oswald McFadden**

May they rest forever in the loving embrace of God.

### Tuesdays Please note time change:

1:00 p.m.— St. Augustine's: **Adoration and Rosary**

### Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Living Word Community Prayer Group**

### Thursdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: **Adoration, Silence, Prayers for Vocations**

### Sunday, January 20th

9:15 am— St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

12:15 pm—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

### Sunday, January 20th

1:30—4:30 **Confirmation Candidates** meet Archbishop Valéry Vienneau at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral

### Monday January 21st

6:30 p.m.— St. Augustine's: **Gathering for Children and Parents preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

### Tuesday, January 22nd

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

### Sunday, February 10

9:15 am— St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

12:15 pm—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

### Monday, February 11

6:30 p.m.— St. Augustine's: **1st Reconciliation Gathering**



Faith Development families gather in St. Augustine's Church basement for sessions.

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m.	Session #9 Session #10	Sunday, January 20th Sunday, February 10th
Level 4-6 12:15 p.m.	Session #9 Session #10	Sunday, January 20th Sunday, February 10th
Level 4-6 6:30 p.m.	Session #9 Session #10	Tuesday, January 22th Tuesday, February 12th



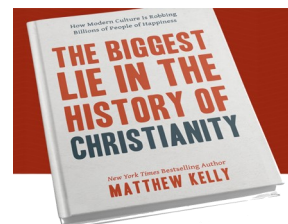
**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 20th. Candidates are to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. This gathering will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.

A gathering for **CHILDREN AND PARENTS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be held in St. Augustine's basement on Monday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held following mass January 27th.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT: FOR CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS/PARENTS:** Saturday February, 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At the **Masses of February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**, available will be copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. Like Matthew's other books, it is an easy read but still contains material that will contribute to our spiritual growth. Here are some comments others have made about this book (quoted on the back cover of the book).



*"I'd never heard of Matthew Kelly. His words and ideas are so clear, practical, and hopeful. I'm so glad I discovered him."*  
Steven Rogers – Amarillo, Texas

*"Sometimes a book is just the right book at just the right time. For modern Christians, this is that book."* Peter Freissle – Spartanburg, South Carolina

A number of copies will be at the entrance of each of the churches on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are free; we ask only that if you take one, you will read it.

From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development  
45 York Street



Trevor 857-4879	<a href="mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com">trevord.diocese@gmail.com</a>
Ellen 857-9952	<a href="mailto:ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com">ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com</a>
Deb	<a href="mailto:liturgymoncton@gmail.com">liturgymoncton@gmail.com</a>

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. for registration.** The afternoon will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.

**MEDICALLY ASSISTED DEATH AND CHALLENGES TO A GOOD DEATH**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and join Dr. Nuala Kenny, a medical doctor, medical ethicist, Professor Emeritus of Dalhousie University, past Ethics and Health Policy Advisor for the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and a Sister of Charity for *Medically Assisted Death and Challenges to a Good Death*. Dr. Kenny is the author of *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care*, which addresses the ultimate medicalization of human suffering presented by medically assisted death, for which she was awarded the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada 2018 First Prize for Pastoral Ministry. Dr. Kenny will be in the diocese for 2 days. On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> she will look at the impact of legislation around Medical Assistance in Dying through 4 sessions:

- Medically Assisted Death & Challenges to A Good Death
- Values, Beliefs and Bioethics in Health Care Decisions
- Responding to Interest in MAiD
- Challenges to Being a Community of Mercy

This workshop will take place at St. Bernard's Church Hall, Botsford Street, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15, which includes supper. Please register with Ellen by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CHALLENGE OF HEALING TOGETHER FROM CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE**

On Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, join Sr. Nuala Kenny, for *The Challenge of Healing together from Clergy Sexual Abuse*. Sr. Nuala is the author of *Healing the Church* and is presently writing a second book on the topic of clergy sexual abuse. She serves as Advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for the Protection of Minors and Chair of the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth Ministry of Care and Companionship Committee. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Family Centre, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Riverview from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please register with Ellen.

**JOB OFFER - FULL TIME POSITION**

The Archdiocese of Moncton is seeking candidates to fill the position of janitor and general maintenance officer at the Cathedral. The candidates must be proficient in both English and French. Interested candidates may submit their resume to the Moncton Archdiocese Reception Office, Attention: Financial Administrator, by January 31, 2019. A job description is available by email: [annettel.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:annettel.diocese@gmail.com)

Faith Development families gather in St. Augustine's Church basement for sessions.

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m.	Session #9 Session #10	Sunday, January 20th Sunday, February 10th
Level 4-6 12:15 p.m.	Session #9 Session #10	Sunday, January 20th Sunday, February 10th
Level 4-6 6:30 p.m.	Session #9 Session #10	Tuesday, January 22th Tuesday, February 12th



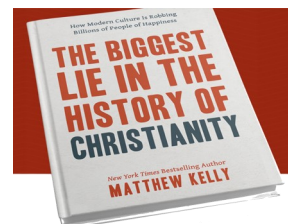
**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 20th. Candidates are to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. This gathering will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.

A gathering for **CHILDREN AND PARENTS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** will be held in St. Augustine's basement on Monday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m.

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE** will be held following mass January 27th.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT: FOR CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS/PARENTS:** Saturday February, 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At the **Masses of February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**, available will be copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. Like Matthew's other books, it is an easy read but still contains material that will contribute to our spiritual growth. Here are some comments others have made about this book (quoted on the back cover of the book).



*"I'd never heard of Matthew Kelly. His words and ideas are so clear, practical, and hopeful. I'm so glad I discovered him."*  
Steven Rogers – Amarillo, Texas

*"Sometimes a book is just the right book at just the right time. For modern Christians, this is that book."* Peter Freissle – Spartanburg, South Carolina

A number of copies will be at the entrance of each of the churches on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are free; we ask only that if you take one, you will read it.

From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development  
45 York Street



Trevor 857-4879	<a href="mailto:trevord.diocese@gmail.com">trevord.diocese@gmail.com</a>
Ellen 857-9952	<a href="mailto:ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com">ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com</a>
Deb	<a href="mailto:liturgymoncton@gmail.com">liturgymoncton@gmail.com</a>

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. for registration.** The afternoon will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.

**MEDICALLY ASSISTED DEATH AND CHALLENGES TO A GOOD DEATH**

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and join Dr. Nuala Kenny, a medical doctor, medical ethicist, Professor Emeritus of Dalhousie University, past Ethics and Health Policy Advisor for the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada and a Sister of Charity for *Medically Assisted Death and Challenges to a Good Death*. Dr. Kenny is the author of *Rediscovering the Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care*, which addresses the ultimate medicalization of human suffering presented by medically assisted death, for which she was awarded the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada 2018 First Prize for Pastoral Ministry. Dr. Kenny will be in the diocese for 2 days. On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> she will look at the impact of legislation around Medical Assistance in Dying through 4 sessions:

- Medically Assisted Death & Challenges to A Good Death
- Values, Beliefs and Bioethics in Health Care Decisions
- Responding to Interest in MAiD
- Challenges to Being a Community of Mercy

This workshop will take place at St. Bernard's Church Hall, Botsford Street, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15, which includes supper. Please register with Ellen by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THE CHALLENGE OF HEALING TOGETHER FROM CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE**

On Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, join Sr. Nuala Kenny, for *The Challenge of Healing together from Clergy Sexual Abuse*. Sr. Nuala is the author of *Healing the Church* and is presently writing a second book on the topic of clergy sexual abuse. She serves as Advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for the Protection of Minors and Chair of the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth Ministry of Care and Companionship Committee. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Family Centre, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Riverview from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please register with Ellen.

**JOB OFFER - FULL TIME POSITION**

The Archdiocese of Moncton is seeking candidates to fill the position of janitor and general maintenance officer at the Cathedral. The candidates must be proficient in both English and French. Interested candidates may submit their resume to the Moncton Archdiocese Reception Office, Attention: Financial Administrator, by January 31, 2019. A job description is available by email: [annettel.diocese@gmail.com](mailto:annettel.diocese@gmail.com)